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The Snow Blossom.

There is a flower that grows only amongst the snows of the Alpine moun-

tains—as far I know, only upon the Alps. It is white all over—stems, leaves and blossoms—white as the snow itself; and to have gathered one is to have proved oneself a rare climber. There are very few of these blossoms to be found, and, as they grow in the most dangerous places, as though they desired to hide themselves from all, lady tourists, who find themselves among the Alps, grow enthusiastic in regard to this flower, and are wont to say that they would dare anything to get one; but when devoted husbands and well-paid guides have done their best for them, they still return to town without the blossom. No woman yet has ever picked one.

"Not many men either," says the land-lady of the Golden Dove, standing before her English guests and chatting of the snow-flower; "few men. Now and then one very much in love finds one for his sweetheart. It is as though he said: 'I have risked my life for you.' A girl can never refuse so brave a fellow. Ah, you would not believe it now, but my good man thought me worth winning with a snow-blossom. I wore it in my hair on our betrothal day."

"Oh, Charles," whispered Lady Ida to her husband, as she clings closer to his arm, "how can a woman bear that the man who loves her shall risk his life to pamper her pride?"

"These Alpine hunters are real lovers," says Lady Bertha, looking at the tall and elegant man beside her. "A girl could not say 'No,' as the landlady says, to one who has proved himself so much in earnest. If I had a wooper here, I should bid him bring me a snow-blossom if he would win me."

The man beside her, Sir Herbert Vane, was very much in love. Under such circumstances, both men and women lose their common sense.

"Will you send me to bring you the snow-blossom?" he whispered.

She looked at him and smiled. "They say it is at the risk of life," she answered.

"Life is valueless unless one has that which makes it happy," he said.

She answered, "Bring me the snow-blossom."

Late that afternoon old Pierre, young Pierre and Jean, the guides, stood with Sir Herbert on the wildest and most precipitous of the mountain heights. They had reached a yawning chasm and had come to a halt.

"Sir," said old Pierre, "you are a good mountaineer, but you were not born to it. Up yonder, little Jean declares, there is a snow-blossom. He alone of us four can take that leap in safety."

Once, at his age, I could; but now, no. His brother, never; you, impossible, although you have needed so little of our help. Jean will bring you the flower."

"I must pluck it with my own hands," said Sir Herbert.

"Then you will pay for it with your own life!" said the old man.

The Englishman laughed. He drew an opera-glass from his pocket and looked through it.

"I see the flower," he said.

The next instant, amidst the cries of the mountaineers, he had taken the leap.

Contrary to their expectations, he did it in safety. They saw him stop and pluck the flower, hold it aloft, take it between his teeth and turn toward them.

Their practiced eyes saw that his foot slipped. He endeavored to regain balance, but in vain. In an instant more he hung over the edge of the precipice, the stunted tufts of grass his only hold on life. There was no hope for him. He was past aid.

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They were in England again, and friends had flocked about them.

"Welcome home!" cried one gentleman, shaking hands vigorously. "Welcome home. I am glad to see you with whole bones, after so much mountain traveling. There have been accidents without number. One or two have been killed, and, of course, you knew about poor Sir Herbert. He was with your party, wasn't he?"

"About Sir Herbert?"

Each looked at the other.

"We know nothing, except that he left without any adieu," said Lady Ida.

"Ah, it was after that then! Well, when they brought him home last week—a mere wreck. Spine injured, they say. Fell down one of those horrible precipices; and you did not know?"

Lady Bertha waited to hear no more. She crept out of the room and found her way to her own, where she might indulge her emotion without restraint. Those few words had told her the whole story. She knew why he had not returned to the inn. She knew now the cost of the snow-blossom on which she had tampered.

"Oh, Herbert, Herbert!" moaned the proudest lady in all England. "Herbert, darling, will my whole life atone in any measure for what I have done? Then no more was said. Scrambling, sliding, lowering themselves by means

of the rope, father and sons at last gained the spot to which Sir Herbert had fallen in an instant.

Helpless he lay across the rocks, white with agony, but not senseless. His eyes were wide open, and his lips drew back in pain, showed, still held between the broad, white teeth by its long stem, the snow-blossom which he had plucked at such fearful cost. The eye turned towards Jean. He knew what the helpless hands would have done if they could, and he took the flower.

"I have only a little while to speak," gasped the writhing man. "Jean, take this to Lady Bertha. Tell her I picked it with my own hand—and that I have gone on. Pierre, you two must take me elsewhere—not back to the hotel. Tell none of them of my fate—swear—tell no one I am wounded. I have a friend in Borgen; he will see that you are well paid; take me there."

"But, monsieur, what shall I say—how explain?" sobbed Jean.

"No explanation," said the wounded man. "Keep it from her. Give her the flower—and—my love." And he fainted.

It was not until the next morning that Jean, the guide, stood before Lady Bertha, with the snow-blossom in his hand. He found his task very hard.

"Mademoiselle," he said, "the gentleman, Sir Herbert, has sent you this flower with his love. He made me declare to you that he picked it himself. He did. I saw him, Mademoiselle."

"Why did he not bring it to me himself?" asked Lady Bertha taking the flower.

"He is coming?"

"I think not, Mademoiselle. He made me say he had gone on—with my father and brother Pierre. I think he is not coming back."

Rut she sealed his lips with her first kiss.

So the most romantic marriage of the year took place, before long, beside Sir Herbert's couch, and the few guests gave tearful kisses to the wedded pair, and cried over their fate in very earnest afterward. But from the hour when Bertha's lips touched his, Sir Herbert seemed to grow stronger; and by slow degrees he recovered, not all his strength perhaps, but still so much that life is a blessing, and to his wife, at least, he gave not one.

Magruder and the Mexican.

Gen. Shields in his Mexican war talk the other night at Lockport, New York, told a humorous story of a trial of horsemanship at Cerro Gordo between Gen. Magruder and a Mexican:

Gen. J. B. Magruder, of subsequent Confederate fame, was then an officer of our army, and plumed himself highly on his horsemanship. One day he rode across a square on a superb black animal that he had just bought for a high price, and came to the window by which Shields lay that the latter might see and admire his purchase. The curveting of the steed and the bearing of the rider drew a crowd into the square, and presently there were a thousand or more soldiers, citizens and army followers of all kinds watching and admiring Jack Magruder's show off. After a time when Magruder had stopped a moment, one of the Mexicans came up to him, patted and praised the horse, and told the officer that he rode almost as well as an inhabitant of the country.

"Almost!" Magruder cried, "I can ride as well as any Mexican. Show me the one that can ride better."

"Nay," said the Mexican, "you claim too much. You ride well, but it is not possible that you can know our horses quite as well as we do."

Magruder insisted, and growing warm offered to bet a dozen doubloons that he could ride a horse better than the other could. The Mexican objected, and said he didn't like to show off his horsemanship in public, but at last as Magruder grew more urgent, he reluctantly consented, and the money was put in the hands of the Mexican.

For judges, an American was chosen by Magruder, a Mexican by his adversary, and the two together chose for a third a Frenchman. Then Magruder put his horse through his paces, first walking around the square, then trotting, then galloping, and finally putting his animal to its top speed, with a magnificent burst that drew cheers and hand-clapping from the crowd. After a few moments the Mexican came forward for his trials. Without touching his horse it went through with precisely the same performance as Magruder, and really proved himself to be the more accomplished horseman of the two. Magruder himself joined in the applause, and admitted frankly that he was beaten. The Mexican smiled, bowed and said:

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SALEM, N. C.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 1877.

NOTICE.—All persons indebted to this office, by note or account, would confer a special favor by calling and settling, as we need money.

SENATOR VOORHEES' SPEECH. an abstract of which will be found on our first page, is attracting general attention, and is regarded in Washington, as a great success. He spoke for two hours and ten minutes, holding spell bound the Senators and packed galleries. At the close of the speech the galleries fairly rang with round after round of applause, and he was warmly congratulated by Congressmen and citizens who flock around him. A magnificent bouquet was sent to his desk, and the Senate adjourned.

Next week we will publish the speech of Senator Merrimon, from this State.

The Business Outlook.

We regret that we cannot take as encouraging a view of our business prospects, as we could wish. Last year we had the Presidential embroilie to discourage us, and this year, thus far, the uncertainty as to the passage of a bill, in Congress, reducing the tax on tobacco and whisky. That matter hangs fire too long; and we would like to see it settled one way or the other, rather than suffer by prolonged legislation, causing almost a dead lock in the tobacco trade.

An act should be passed reasonably reducing taxation, and at the same time protecting the manufacturer's stock on hand. This long and continued agitation of the question is affecting trade and business very unfavorably.

NEW SENATORS.—Williams is the new Senator from Kentucky. On account of his deeds at the battle of Cerro Gordo, during the Mexican war, he earned the title of "Cerro Gordo Williams," by which he is generally known.—Ex-Gov. Groom is the newly elected Senator from Maryland, in place of Dennis.

—In the Ohio Senate Hon. George H. Pendleton was declared the choice for United States Senator by 25 Democrats to 8 Republicans for blank. In the House Pendleton received 66; Johnson 3; blank 36. All Democrats.

THE CAROLINA FARMER.—We are in regular receipt of this excellent agricultural monthly. The January number before us, is fully equal to any publication of its kind, well arranged and full of useful information for the agriculturist and others, and afforded at the low price of one dollar and fifty cents.

Samuel Bowles, Esq., editor of the Springfield Republican, died at his home in Springfield, Mass., on the 16th inst., aged about 42 years. Since 1844, he had been the principal conductor of the Republican, one of the most influential and successful journals in the country.

CHIEF JUSTICE SMITH was quietly induced into office on Tuesday of last week. He is the sixth Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and the first appointed by the Governor of the State.

CODMODORE GEORGE N. HOLLINS died at his residence, in Baltimore, on the night of the 18th inst., of paralysis, aged 79 years. It was he, who, in command of the sloop-of-war Cyane, bombarded Greytown, Nicaragua, in 1854. At the commencement of the late civil war he entered the Confederate service. For the past few years he has been a citizen of the City Court of Baltimore.

THE LOUISIANA RETURNING BOARD.—The members of the Returning Board were arraigned in the Superior Criminal Court, indicted on charges of forgery and with altering the returns of Vernon Parish. The counsel made a motion to quash the indictment on the ground that the proceedings were irregular. The motion was overruled without argument. The members of the Board then pleaded not guilty, and were admitted to bail on their old bonds. The day of trial is not fixed.

AGAINST SILVER.—At the maritime Exchange, in New York, on the 18th, the following memorial to Congress was signed by many merchants, bankers, and representatives of leading Marine Underwriters, steamship companies and shipping houses of the city:

"We, the undersigned, members of the Maritime Association of the port of New York, feel it to be our duty to remonstrate against any legislation that shall make silver an unlimited legal tender, as in our opinion, such legislation would unsettle values, disturb confidence, retard resumption in gold, and impair the national credit."

The Commissioner of Immigration in Tennessee, reports the accession of 477 persons to the population of that State during the month of December, under the direct auspices of the bureau, which speaks well for the energy and efficiency of its works.

TOBACCO.—Heavy tobacco dealers in New York, protest against the proposed reduction of the tax on tobacco.

The Milton Chronicle says a party in Person county ran a fox five days every day until sundown, resuming the chase each successive day about daylight, in every instance jumping Reynard in their step of where they left off the evening before. The chase was abandoned on the fifth day, men, horses and dogs being worn out.

L.A.T WEEK'S HORRORS.

Last week furnished its full quota of horrors to those already chronicled through the past year.

Near Tariffville, Conn., a bridge 200 feet in length spanned Farmington river. The bridge was constructed on a criminally cheap plan, and was calculated to be used only as a local road, on which one engine and a few cars were run. On the evening of the 15th inst., a large train of 11 crowded passenger cars and 2 engines, was passing along over the road, bearing some 600 persons from the Moody and Sankey meetings held at Hartford. The bridge was divided into two spans, and when the engines reached the second span, the bridge gave way and the two engines plunged down, and 8 passenger and the baggage cars followed. It was a clear, cold moonlight night, and the sufferings from cold were very great.

Fortunately no fire broke out, and thus the harrowing scenes of an Ashtabula were not enacted. Still the loss of life was great, some 14 being killed outright or drowned, 20 severely wounded, and an equal number slightly injured. Great blame is attached to the directors of the road, yet as the company is bankrupt, no claims in the form of damage can be collected.

From Ashland, Pa., we receive the intelligence that an explosion took place at Pott's Colliery, by which 4 men up to this time have been discovered killed and several others injured. It is supposed that the explosive gas from the mine having collected at the point where the miners were at work, the lamps caused it to ignite, with the result described. A dark record for the beginning of the year.

THE WAR.

The position which the Eastern war question has assumed is not materially changed from last week's statements, save to more positively confirm the knowledge of Turkey's helplessness. Russian forces will scarcely meet with opposition at Adrianople, and in consideration of this fact, the inhabitants throughout the surrounding country are flocking toward the capital, and in consequence of the majority being helpless women and children, great danger of wholesale starvation is feared.

Were it in the power of England to use her influence against Russia, she would undoubtedly do it; but it is not, since Prussia, Austria and Italy will all have their fleets in the Black Sea as soon as England.

There has been considerable delay on the part of the negotiating powers, and until they meet (which will be shortly, if it has not already taken place) active hostilities will characterize the actions of the Russians in their position towards Constantinople.

British Parliament has assembled and the all important question as to whether it would or would not begin active measures in aid of Turkey was settled by her (England) taking a neutral yet watchful position.

—The funeral of the late Victor Emanuel took place on the 17th inst. It was an imposing ceremony. The funeral car used was the same used to bear the remains of his father, King Charles Albert, of Sardinia. The procession was so long that it took one hour and half to pass a given point. The procession started from the Quirinal about 10 o'clock, and arrived at the Pantheon about 4 o'clock. The stone slab marking his resting place bears the simple inscription "Victor Emanuel! First King of Italy!"

Throughout our own country services were held in many of our larger cities, by Italians, in honor of the dead King.

St. NICHOLAS for February breathes a fresh and hearty roving spirit. It carries us to the reefs of the Bahamas, to the tea-lands of China, among the birds of Florida, through the perils and miseries in African deserts, to foggy London Streets, and to the tropical wonderland of a "Robinson Crusoe" story.

The frontispiece gives a chill whisper of bitter winter weather without, but then come many cheery helps toward making pleasant winter-in-doors. There is first a simple home-poem, "The Shepherd-boy," by Emily S. Onkey; and then the conclusion of "The Ravens and the Angels," a story of the middle ages, written by the Author of "Chronicles of the Schonberg-Cotta Family," and strikingly illustrated by Sol Eytinge.

The in-door marble game will prove a boon to many a girl or boy during a spell of bad weather. Subscriptions received at the Bookstore.

HON. W. M. ROBBINS.

In our brief article alluding to our able Representative in Congress, last week, for prominently read prominently before Congress:

The Wilmington Star says of our Representative:

"Hon. W. M. Robbins, one of our North Carolina Congressmen, and a gentleman of decided ability, has introduced a bill in the House to cure absenteeism which seems to be a great affliction to the members, many of them suffering from a chronic attack. The N. Y. Sun thus refers to it:

"It is possible that the printing, daily and conspicuously, in the Congressional Record, of a list of members not on hand to answer to their names might have a corrective effect. The experiment is worth trying."

Mr. Robbins has also secured daily mails from Salem to Mt. Airy, from Salisbury to Mocksville, and from Statesville to Wilkesboro.

GOV. VANCE AND THE PARDONING POWER.—A COMPARISON OF EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY COMPARED WITH BRODGEN'S.—Much has been said lately in regard to the improper exercise of the pardoning power by Gov. Vance. Judge Cloud, in one of his charges to the grand jury, in the West, classically put it, that in his opinion "your man Vance is going to wash old Brodgen mighty close." An examination of the record however, shows to the contrary. During the year of 1876, Gov. Brodgen pardoned and commuted the sentences of 114 criminals; whilst in 1877 Governor Vance pardoned 41, and commuted to imprisonment for life 7 criminals—total 48. Majority for Brodgen—55—more than twice for Vance.

The whole number of persons undergoing sentence of the law in the State is about 2,000, about 1,000 of whom are in the penitentiary, and the remainder in jails and work houses. Gov. Brodgen's clemency therefore amounted to about 64 per cent., and Gov. Vance's to about 24 per cent. of the criminals convicted.

And yet there are people trying to produce the impression that criminal laws are in danger of being defrauded by Gov. Vance, by virtually offering a premium for crime!

Upon asking Gov. Vance what he had said to say to the criticisms upon him in this respect, he replied that whilst he always tried to regard and profit by all fair criticism, he did not intend to be driven from the exercise of the power vested in him by the Constitution, whenever it was proper, by the clamor of men, who, in nine cases out of ten, knew nothing of the facts upon which he was called to act; that their men would not claim to judge him harshly unless they had the same lights before them that were put before him, and that he felt himself answerable to his Creator for the proper use of this fearful power of life and death and dared not listen to popular outcry in such a matter.—*Raleigh Observer*.

LATEST FOREIGN NEWS.

The Turks are driving the Turks before them, and the Turks are burning towns and villages as they retreat. The Turks are very uneasy about the safety of their capital, Constantinople, some preparing to flee, while many others, from the country are seeking refuge in Constantinople, among them numerous women and children.

LONDON.—January 19.—A special to the *Times* from St. Petersburg says:

"The person who help to draw up the armistice conditions states that they are such as are not likely to be accepted by the Turks."

The same dispatch states that the Minister of the Interior has instructed the *Times* that he will be moderate in its remarks about Austria and England.

The *Times*'s Pera dispatch has the following: "It is said the Grand Duke Nicholas, accompanied by his staff and General Ignatieff by the Turkish delegates, on Friday morning arrived at the station of the Jambol railway. The Grand Duke had advanced to meet the delegates because of the difficulty of the road and invited them to return with him.

Russia will treat only at Adrianople, to which the Turks agree, and will evacuate that city and the Russians occupy it. Queen Victoria telegraphed to the Sultan to make prompt and honorable peace at once."

The correspondent of the *Times* at Pera, telegraphing Sunday, announces that the Russians have entered Adrianople.

The *Times*'s Athens correspondent says that troops at Chios were ordered to march to the frontier immediately.

The *Daily Telegraph*'s correspondent at Pera says: Negotiations have commenced.

It is stated that the Turkish Plenipotentiaries have been instructed that they may offer to make Batoum a free port, to cede the territory on Asian frontier, nearly as far as Kars, and dismantle the fortifications of Kars and Erezoum.

They may also propose the following programme for discussion by European Conference: The Balkans to be considered the southern limit of Bulgaria, Rumania to be independent, the Danubians to be open to men of war of all nations and the settlement of the Montenegro and Servian questions to be temporarily deferred. It is reported that Russia has demanded that Adrianople be included in Bulgaria, also the admission of Batoum and opening of the Dardanelles to Russia and Turkish men of war only.

The *Daily Telegraph* prints the following: "Indeed Constantinople, yesterday: Mr. Master, agent of the English relief fund, has just arrived here with a train full of refugees from Adrianople. These unhappy people have been in open cattle trucks three days. Many perished from cold weather last night. Fifteen were found dead in their tracks; the suffering of all was described as awful. Mothers are reported in their frenzy to have thrown away living babies rather than see them die in their arms. As the train moved from Adrianople, numbers of people tried to cling to the outside and frame work of the carriages, and many attempted to ride on the buffers. At one station where hundreds of people had congregated without food for days they were threatened by Mr. Master with violence if bread was not given to them. Yesterday there were 150,000 women and children out in the snow at Charion. Three trains full are hourly expected to arrive at Constantinople."

It is not known where they will find shelter. Snow is several inches deep and still falling. The cold is intense, and all that can possibly be done is being effected by the administrators of the relief fund, but many lives are being sacrificed.

SECRET, CHANGED WITH WIFE MURDERED.—CHARLOTTE, N. C., Jan. 18.—H. C. Sevestre was arrested in Union county, 5 miles from Monroe, last evening, for the murder of his wife, Alice Stevenson, who was formerly Mrs. Alice Sevestre and her 4 year old child. Mrs. Stevenson and her 4 year old child mysteriously disappeared on the above date. Suspicion—foul play, but no proof. On Monday last a party of hunters were attracted to a secluded hollow in the woods by the barking of dogs. Reaching the spot they found the bodies of a woman and child who were identified as the missing Mrs. Stevenson and daughter. Sevestre was arrested. He doggedly and obstinately refuses to answer any question.

Chief Justice Pearson left eleven of his pupils judges or ex-Judges of North Carolina. Three of them attained the rare honor of sitting on the Supreme Court bench by the side of their old preceptor—Judges Settle, Dick and Bynum.

—*Raleigh News.*

BELGRADE.

Jan. 21.—The Serbian troops captured Prostina, and also reoccupied Kerszli after an engagement in which the Turks lost 400 killed and wounded. 450 Turks were captured.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

STATE ITEMS.

A Body that was really Petrified.

(Raleigh Observer.)

ASHEVILLE, Dec. 25, 1877.

It is a fact not generally known that the cemetery of the Methodist Church in Hendersonville, N. C., contains a petrified human body. About the year 1858, Miss Adeline Byers lived with her father, Francis C. Byers, fifteen miles south of this place, in Henderson county. She was a bright, sweet girl, much beloved by all who knew her, and was won by Wm. Pinckney Murray, whom she had known long and well. Soon the nuptials were celebrated, and the bride and bridegroom at once set out in search of a new country, following the setting sun to the Mississippi Valley. Then they located and began the journey of life together in real earnest. Prosperity and happiness came to them, until at an unexpected moment, death cut down Mrs. Murray in the very prime of life. The disconsolate widow, consigning the body of his deceased wife to the dust, as he supposed, sought "surcease of sorrow" in the wine of Texas. A few years afterwards Dr. Joshua Johnson, intending to return to North Carolina, whence he had removed with his brother-in-law, Mr. Murray, disinterred the body of Mrs. Murray for the purpose of carrying it back with him. Imagine how amazed he was to find it more perfect than he had left it in the coffin, just as he was to find it in the grave! The same features—alike in expression and in color—were perfectly preserved. What he saw was not dead stone. The whole body had petrified. In that condition he carried it to North Carolina and delivered it to the aged father, Mr. Byers, who could hardly doubt that his daughter had come to him asleep! The news spread that Adeline's body had been "turned into a rock," and great was the desire of everybody to see it. Attempts were made, it is said, to steal it out of the cellar where the old gentleman had concealed it, but they were unsuccessful. All through the war it was guarded by the master as the most sacred trust, but few persons being allowed to see it. About six years ago, however, it was quietly buried in the Methodist Cemetery in Hendersonville.

RECEPTION OF THE GREAT.

A CHILD BORN IN A GRAVE.—A horrible occurrence is reported from Castel, near Guidici, in Italy. A poor woman, near her confinement, was seized with a fit of catalepsy, which the surgeon who was called in mistook for death. He gave a certificate accordingly, and twenty-four hours later the woman was buried in the common grave of the cemetery. A few days afterwards, on the grave being opened for another interment, it was discovered that the body of the woman had been disturbed. On examination the eyes were found partially open and distorted, the bandage in which the legs had been swathed was torn, and a child had been born.

The doctor and President of the community have both been punished for their criminal carelessness by imprisonment for three months.

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At the Khedival Geographical Society a grand reception was also extended him. Many distinguished persons were present, and the savans in discussing his discoveries were profuse in their compliments.—*W. Star.*

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As no mails arrive or depart on Sunday, the office will not be open on that day.

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LOCAL ITEMS.

TABLEAUX.—we are soon to have a series of.

The firm of Hart & Co., have closed out.

ANOTHER umbrella man put in an appearance last week.—*Sentinel*.

The Reading Room is to have a new fence in front of their building.

IT will cost you \$3.50 to go from Salem to Mt. Airy by the daily stage.

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THE FREE SCHOOL at Shady Grove, Davie County, is taught by Mr. Wiley Ellis, with an attendance of some 25 or 30 scholars.

DOUTHIT'S.—The interior of Mrs. Douthit's Millinery Establishment has been enlarged, affording now ample space for a display of beautiful goods.

DAVIE COUNTY strongly favors the steamboat project on the Yadkin.—Seems determined to have a railroad or a canal at navigation of the river.

STRAY STOCK on the rampage it seems. Heard the owner of a lost mule inquiring of his whereabouts, Monday night. And a hog is advertised. Horse thieves are also about.

REV. J. MACK, while on his way up town, Saturday morning, was stricken with a slight attack of paralysis, from which we are pleased to learn he will, in all probability, speedily recover.

RICHARD M. PEARSON Esq., stopped a short while in Winston last week, on his way to the residence of his father, the late Judge Pearson, at Richmond Hill, Yadkin County.

FLOODS.—Within the past four months there were seven overflows on the Yadkin river. Farmers are fearful of serious injury to the wheat crop sown in the bottoms.

RELIGIOUS SERVICE.—A very interesting and instructive service (held weekly) this week at Friday, at 3 P. M., the meeting for young people, by Rev. E. Rondthaler, in Chapel of Moravian Church. Others, too, are invited to attend.

CLINGMAN'S BOOK, being selections from the speeches and writings of Hon. Thos. L. Clingman, of N. C., with additions and explanatory notes. For sale at the BOOKSTORE.

DEATH OF AN OLD CITIZEN.—Mr. Timothy Peul, an old and respected citizen of Surry county, died at his residence, near Flat Shoals, on Friday of last week, in the 83d year of his age.

REV. Mr. Conolly, a visiting divine, preached a fine sermon in the Baptist Church, Tuesday night. Mr. Conolly is well known to many of our citizens, having held, with credit, the position as Colonel during the late war.

THE washing away of the Staunton river bridge last week again caused another suspension in the shipping business of several days. Was re-opened on Saturday.

Mr. BYRON SPAUGH wishes to announce to the citizens of Salem and Winston that hereafter divine service will be held every Sunday afternoon at 3 P. M., in Tiso's Hall. An invitation of welcome extended to all.

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CHICKENS.—A few full blood white Cochins and Houdan roosters for sale. Enquire at THIS OFFICE.

OLD SILVER COIN.—Mr. B. C. Parish, mail contractor on the Richmond Hill route, exhibited two old French silver coins dated 1767 and 1768. Value about \$1. They would make a nice addition to any collection of coins.

THAT Knight of the Razor, Shaving Cup and Scissors, whose easy shop is in the basement of Merchant's Hotel, Winston, (known as Alexander Gates), is as useful to the citizens as Brown's Warehouse, and just as reliable.

He also prepares that extraordinary "Gates' Hair Renewer." Just a little oil will do the trick.

FUN TRADE.—Traffic in fur this season will not compare favorably with that of previous years, in this section.

The animals are getting scarce or the trappers less successful. We were told by an "old trapper" whose last season's proceeds amounted to upwards of fifty dollars, that this year would not reach twenty. Prices also are very low.

BETSY HOLT, a partially insane woman living near town, we learn came near being burnt up last week. It appears that being near the fire, she clutching, caught, and bit for the lucky appearance and aid of another party, she, with house and all, would have been consumed.

SOME of CHARLEY's sympathetic friends must certainly deplore his removal to H. E. Minung's smithshop, giving a public exhibit thereof Saturday night, as an ornamental caricature of himself, in lamp-back and oil on a board nailed to the door of the vacated building, at the bottom of which appeared the pathetic words that "CHARLEY had gone too." Who would not have a friend.

THE AMATEUR MINSTRELS of Winston drew a large audience in Tiso's Hall, Tuesday evening. The programme was varied and the performance good. The songs were particularly well given, and the darkey characters well sustained, laughable and entertaining. Some of the local hits were first rate. There is considerable talent among the amateurs and we are glad to see them encouraged by the citizens. Receipts upward of \$90.

The performance will be repeated next Tuesday evening.

EXCITING RACE.—He had just emerged from the ticket office the depot last Friday morning, when the out-going train started, having in his possession the ticket and checks with a little extra cash of a friend already aboard. Then came a race of a mile or two between the steam horse and a "snorting man."

The former of course proving victorious, soon disappeared from the sight of its worthy competitor at speed, but to memory most dear.

LOVE-FEAST.—The Young Men's Missionary Society Annual Lovefeast Saturday evening, was the occasion of the gathering of a large concourse of people, filling the church to overflowing. Services were conducted by Rev. E. Rondthaler, Rev. A. L. Oertel delivering the sermon, which was well-timed and very interesting, touching with much feeling upon the missionary cause and its work.

Mr. J. H. Clewell, Secretary of the Society, gave a brief synopsis of the transactions during the past year, presenting bright and glowing prospects for renewed energy during the coming year.

The choir rendered fine music for the occasion which was much appreciated by all.

A collection taken up at the close amounted to some seventy odd dollars.

HEaviest Yet Heard From.

FORSYTH COUNTY LEADS.

THE YADKIN FLAG CLAIM—EDBY FORSYTH.

Considerable excitement was manifested on Wednesday last, a few miles below this place, on account of the slaughter of Mr. Philip Reed's large hogs. It was indeed a sight seldom seen in this vicinity. Mr. Reed has never been beaten in the weight of his porkers, when he tried himself. After the mammoth had been killed, blankets were thrown over the carcass, and boiling water dashed over it, and thus nicely cleaned; the other side was treated in the same manner. Then came the tug; but the neighbors present were equal to the emergency, and all that could lay hands on helped to hoist it up.

The weight was 782 pounds, and with all the fat that could be used, run up to 808 pounds, by far the heaviest hog slaughtered in this State this season, as far as heard from.

This is not the first time Mr. Reed led the State in heavy pork. The age of the monster was about 2 years and 10 months.

What do you think about it.—Robert?

The other two weighed each 442 and 424 at about 18 months old. The need is the Essex stock, favorably known in this section for many years, although the cross between the Chester and Poole or Berkshire is generally preferred, as they mature earlier, and fatten with less cost.

VALENTINES.—Just opened a splendid assortment of Sentimental and Comic Valentines, from 1 cent to 150 cents. Call early at the BOOKSTORE and get a lot.

MR. NAT. ALLEN, of S. E. ALLEN'S Hardware Store, Winston, called us the other day, and among other things, he informed us that they are now selling Iron, Buggy and Wagon Materials, Horse and Mule Shoes, Nails, Screws, Door Locks, Pad Locks, Well Buckets and Pulleys, Cooking and Heating Stoves, Carpenters' Tools, Blacksmiths' Tools, Glass, Cutlery, and everything else in the hardware line, at remarkably low prices for cash.

LASH'S WAREHOUSE spares no trouble to accommodate its customers, and secures top prices for all grades of tobacco on their floors.

"German Syrup."

No other medicine in the world was ever given such a test of its curative qualities as Boeche's German Syrup. Several thousand small bottles of this medicine were distributed free of charge by Druggists in this country to those afflicted with Consumption, Asthma, Croup, severe Coughs, Pneumonia, and other diseases of the Throat and Lungs, giving the American people undenied proof of its value. Druggists will care for them. The result has been that Druggists in every town and village of the United States are recommending it to their customers. Go to your Druggist, and ask what they know of it. Sample bottles 10 cents. Regular size 75 cents. Three will relieve all cases.

LASH'S WAREHOUSE.

STILL AHEAD!

We sold, on Friday, January 18th, 1878, 6,968 lbs. for \$652, making an average of 8.85 per lb. This sale comprised all grades from primings and dog tail up, made from tobacco just as it came in off the wagons, and not from picked parcels.

These prices speak for themselves, and we would say to tobacco raisers, when you market your tobacco come to Lash's, where you will always get top prices.

Agents wanted in every county to sell this new wheat.

Address, L. L. OSMENT, Cleveland, Tenn.

PIERCE, HANES & BROWN.

Something New!

In order to introduce our Big Seed Spring Wheat, The Head of Toss, in your locality—single grain, measuring 1/8 inch in length—I propose to send a sample of the wheat free of charge, to every subscriber to this paper who will state the name of the newspaper and send a 3 cent stamp to pay postage.

POETRY.

GIVING AND TAKING.

BY JOHN G. WHITTIER.

Who gives and hires the giving hand,
Nor counts on favor, fame, or praise,
Shall find his smallest gifts outweighs
The burden of the earth and sand.

Who gives to whom has sought been
given,
His gift in need, though small, indeed,
Is as the grass blade's wind-blown seed.

As large as earth and rich as heaven.
Forget it not, oh, man to whom
A gift shall fall, while yet on earth;
Yes, even to thy seven-fold birth
Recall it in the lives to come.

Who broods above a wrong in thought
Sins much; but greater sin is his
Who, fed and clothed with kindness,
Shall count the holy aims as naught.

Who dares to curse the hands that bless
Shall know of sin the deadliest cost;
The patience of the heaven is lost,
Beholding man's unthankfulness.

For he who breaks all laws may still
In Sivan's mercy be forgiven;
But none can save in earth or heaven
The wretch who answers good with ill.

HUMOROUS.

A Sacred Old Relic.

A colored man yesterday turned auctioneer to work off two old stoves for a dealer on Gratiot avenue. One was sold without trouble, but as the other "held over" on him, he mounted a barrel and began:

"Gem'en and women, dis yere stove was once de property of George Washington."

A laugh of derision greeted his statement. Singing out the biggest man in the crowd, the auctioneer asked:

"Doin' you believe dat George Washington once owned dis yere stove?"

"No, Sir."

"Dat's de same as callin' me a lish, sah, and you'll hev to chaw dem words, sah."

He jumped down and waltzed over to the stranger, but was knocked down in a York minute. That was plenty for him, and after feeling his head to see how much of it was left, he mounted the barrel and called out:

"How much do I hear for dis stove—once de property of Gen'l Grant! De stove dat Washington owned was bust-ed up doorn' de war!"—Detroit Free Press.

Pat's Dream.

A son of the Emerald Isle was served one morning to look very blank and perplexed, and a friend asked what ailed him. Pat said he had had a dream. "A good or bad one?" asked his friend. Pat answered it was a little of both.—"Faith, I tell ye, I dreamed I was with the Pope, who was as great a jinheimer as any in the district, and he axed me would I drink? Thinks I, would a duck swim? And seeing the craythur, an' lemons an' the sugar on the side-board I towld him I didn't care if I took a wee drap of punch."

"Cowd or hot?" axed the Pope.

"Hot, ye holiness," I replied; and with that he stepped down into the kitchen for the bilin' wather, but before he got back I woke straight up; and now it's distressing me that I didn't take it cowd."

BILLING'S PHILOSOPHY.—How natural it is for a man, when he makes a mistake, tew correct it by kussing sumbody else for it. The winnian ought to ketch all the phellos who part their hair in middle and clap a red flannel petty-coat on them. Hee is just what's the matter—if you shut yourself up folks will run arter you and if you run arter folks they will shut themselves up. Ambishun tew shine in everything is a sure way to put a man's handle out. There is no revenge so komplet as forgive-ness. He that deserves tew be ritch only tew be charitable is not only a wise man, but a good one. Grate welsh in our journey thru life is only extra baggage, and wants heaps of watching.—Beware o' the man who makes a still noise when he walks, and who purrs when he talks; he is a kat in disguise.

Some sheep belonging to a farmer named Smith, having been stolen in the neighborhood of a village, while the thief was undiscovered, a local preacher, having a collection to make, thought he would turn the event to good account, so he said: "We have a collection to make this morning, and for the glory of heaven, whichever of you stole Mr. Smith's sheep, don't put anything on the plate." Of course everybody joined in the collection.

Andrew Jackson was accused of bad spelling, but John Randolph defended him by declaring that "a man must be a fool who could not spell words more than one." A boy when rebuked for spelling needle neidle said that every good needle should have an eye in it. "Sew it should," responded the tench-er.

A bashful young man applied to his village paper for information on the important subject: "How to win a woman's love." The reply was, "Kiss the bairns, caress the tounent, and pay strict attention to the old lady."

NEW STYLES OF Paper & Envelopes, AT THE BOOK STORE.

Call and examine our excellent stock of paper and envelopes. A large assortment Nov. 8 fine and common on hand, CHEAP. bosodith, 1877.

AGRICULTURAL.

MARL BEDS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

INTERESTING STATEMENT FROM PROF. W. C. KERR, STATE GEOLOGIST—THE VARIETIES OF MARL, WHERE FOUND, VALUE AS A FERTILIZER AND COST OF TRANSPORTATION.

To the Editor of the News:

Marl is the most important mineral found in the State. It is worth more than all her other minerals together, many times over. It is so, because we are an agricultural people, or nothing; and because of its range and durability of fertilizing powers; its abundance; its wide distribution; its facility of transportation to more than half the territory of the State, and because of the facility of mining it,—frequently lies on the surface.

Marl occurs in about 30 counties, from Halifax to Robeson, and eastward to the sea. It underlies the whole area of many of them, and is often of many fathoms depth. That is, it underlies about one-third of the area of the State, a territory larger than the whole State of Massachusetts and New Jersey. It is of three kinds, belonging to three different geological formations, lying one above the other in immediate succession. In the counties lying along the south of the Neuse to the Cape Fear, all the three kinds are found, sometimes all on the same farm, very often two of them. It outcrops in the banks of streams, large and small, in hillsides and bluffs; it is found a few feet under the surface in ravines, bottoms, flats, swamps and savannas; indeed, it may be found almost anywhere in many sections by digging, —in the woods and fields,—it is found in the farm ditches and railroad cuts in springs and wells; in fact the country is made of it in large part.

At the bottom lies the cretaceous marl, called greensand in New Jersey. It differs from the New Jersey marl, however, in its chemical constitution and agriculture value. That owes its great fertilizing quality to the presence of three to five per cent. each of phosphoric acid and potash; although some of the most popular of the New Jersey marls are mainly calcareous. The North Carolina greensands do not contain a larger percentage of these ingredients, (and of magnesia) than the other marls, (less than 1 per cent. each) but average 15 per cent. of carbonate of lime.

This marl is found in the banks of Tar river about Tarboro and Greenville, in the Neuse and tributaries about Rockfish Creek, in Pender county, in the banks of the Cape Fear at Wilmington, and half way to Fayetteville, and its tributaries, Livingston's Creek, Black and South rivers. In most of these sections it has been used with great advantage—e. g., by Gov. Clark, on the Tar, and D. Flower and J. F. Oliver on the Cape Fear. This marl forms the bed-rock, the lowest stratum ever penetrated in all this region, and is of course inexhaustible.

The second species of marl, eocene or chalk marl, is commonly a coarse kind of friable chalk, consisting of comminuted shells and corals, of a light yellowish or grayish color to white, sometimes compacted into a pretty solid limestone, about Newbern and Wilmington.—This overlies the preceding beds (of greensand.) It is found in abundant outcrops about Wilmington and in almost every river and creek bank northward and north-eastward through New Hanover and Onslow to the Trent and Neuse, extending along the latter from Goldsboro, nearly to the borders of Johnson county; and is also found in a few places north of the Neuse, near Snow Hill and eastward. It forms cliffs 20, 40, and 75 feet on the right bank of the river between Goldsboro and Kinston.

Its content of lime carbonate is 50 to 95 per cent.—average, (of 16 analyses), 80 per cent. See Geological Report, pages 191 to 194. The average percentage of potash and magnesia are respectively four-and-a-half per cent.

The third species, called blue marl, or shell marl, overlies the previous, and is therefore found near the surface generally. It is more widely distributed than the others, being found all over the eastern third of the State above indicated, from the line of Halifax, Sampson and Robeson to Carteret, Hyde and Currituck. It consists of a deposit of sea mud, with decayed shells and bones and other marine exuviae, just such as one may see forming in the estuaries along our coast to day. The carbonates of lime in this class of marl 10 to 50 per cent., range from 10 to 80; potash 4 to 14 per cent.; magnesia 4 to 5. And there are other valuable ingredients in large proportion,—soda, plaster, iron, &c.

This marl has been much more widely used in this State than the others.—And I have never found a case of its failure to pay, and many worn out, and many originally poor farms have been regenerated by its use.

The effect of marl is permanent, one good marl will last two generations and more. In New Jersey, where its use is made of it than in all the continent besides, the State Geologist estimates that the farmer could better pay 5 to 8 dollars the ton than undertake to farm without it. I believe the same may be said here; but at least the values may be set down at 3 to 4 dollars for the two upper marls, and half as much for the greensand. The cost of excavating and applying, where, as in thousands of cases, it lies on or near the surface does not exceed 50 cents per ton. There ought to be a million of tons used every year in the marl region, and as much more along the railroads and navigable rivers westward, where it could easily be delivered at 2 and three dollars. And by selecting for transportation the better kinds, worth 5 or 6 dollars, there would be left a good margin for the farmer. When the use of marl shall have become general, North Carolina will be on the high road to prosperity, and not sooner. Twenty-five pages of the Geological Report is devoted to this subject and it is not too much.

W. C. KERR.

100,000 COPIES OF ST. NICHOLAS FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

Only 25 Cents a Copy.

Some idea of the attraction offered in the Christmas Holiday Number of St. Nicholas, of which 100,000 copies will be issued, may be gained from the following sketch:

Henry W. LONGFELLOW and WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT; a fine hitherto unpublished sketch of Boys Life by the Late THEODORE WINTHROP; and a short story by the author of "Alice in Wonderland," "Peter Pan in Kensington Gardens," "Peter's Chiarades" by LUCRETIA P. HALE; a poetic riddle by Dr. J. G. HOLLAND; and a comparison between the manners of young folks in old times and nowadays, by GAIL HALLOCK.

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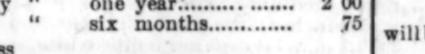
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